

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1-7 (canceled).

8. (new) A method for folding a textile strip section, comprising the steps of:
first feeding the strip section to a supporting element;
initially heating the strip section on a rear side in a region to be folded; and
then folding and finally fixing the strip section in the folded state by pressing and subsequently heating.

9. (new) The method as defined in claim 8, wherein the initial heating step includes heating the folding region approximately up to a softening point of the strip material.

10. (new) A system for folding a textile strip section, comprising:
a folding device; and
a heating device arranged upstream of the folding device so as to heat up a folding region of the strip section, the heating device being arranged to act on a rear side of the strip section.

11. (new) The system as defined in claim 10, and further comprising a supporting element for the strip section arranged on the folding device per folding region.

12. (new) The system as defined in claim 11, and further comprising a holding element assigned to the supporting element and operatively arranged so as to be feedable against the supporting element.

13. (new) The system as defined in claim 12, wherein the holding element also contains an electric heating device.

14. (new) The system as defined in claim 10, and further comprising a feed device for feeding the strip section to the folding device, the feed device having a heating device for heating the folding region of the strip section.